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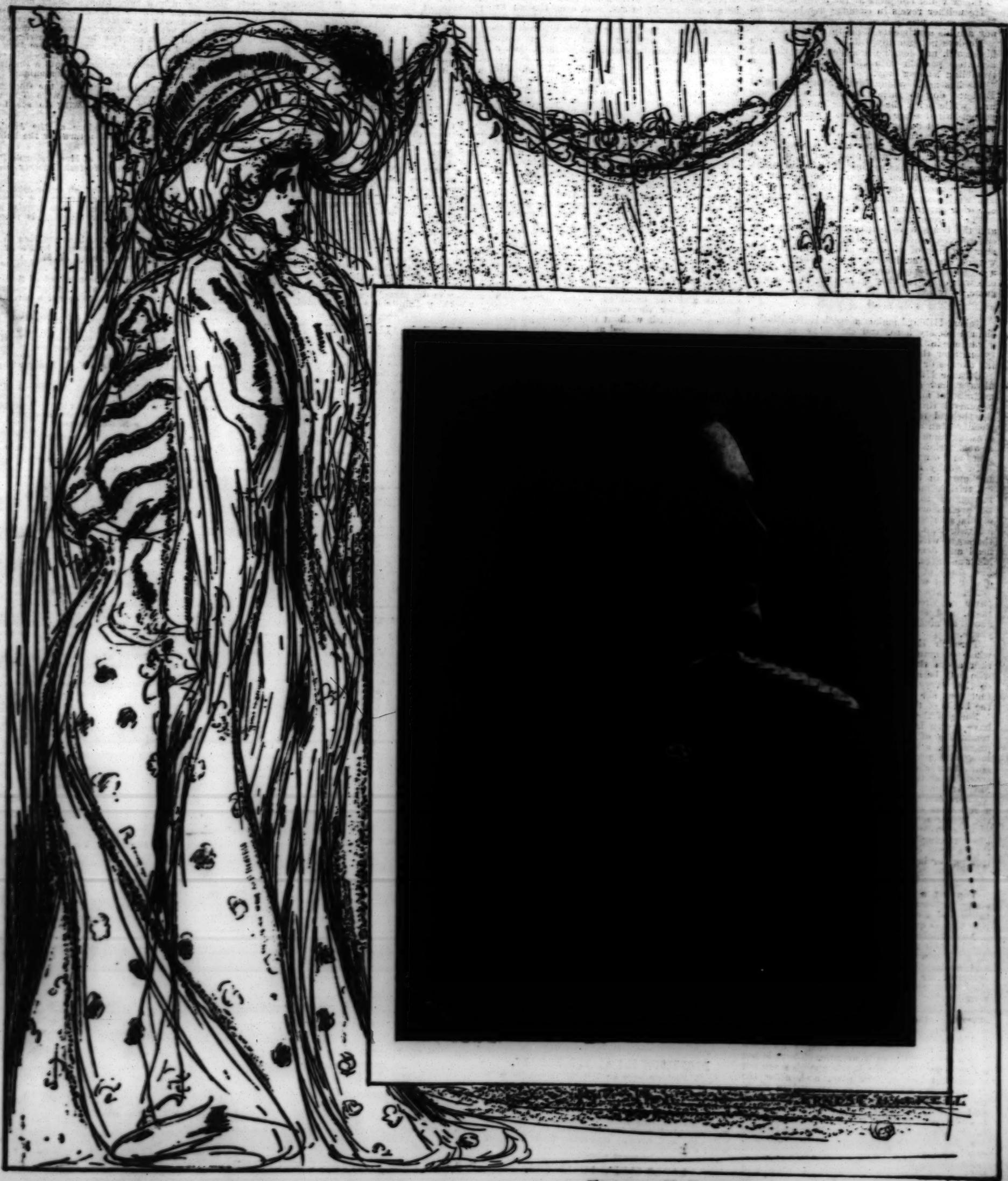


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# The Matinee Girl



Jim Bludso is one of the healthiest and wholesomest matinee heroes that we have had to throw violet bouquets at for many a season. He wears no pretty lace-trimmed shirt bosoms, nor are his sentiments done up in sonnets.

He does not pin any villainous brooches on his sword, nor does he breathe hoarse English accented passion into the back hair of a trembling leading lady.

He has no Newfoundland or faithful Saint Bernard dog to gather to his side with one arm while with the other he caresses some golden-haired stage child and sings to her of sunsets and butterflies.

On the contrary, he has to wear singularly unbecoming clothes, utter many roughly put together sentences, and now and then lift a stage leg that looks as though he might weigh a good hundred and forty pounds. In the interim he goes to the back of the engine room and works some kind of a lever that reminds one of a pump or a patent churn.

These were great days on the Mississippi, and the boats were fearfully and wonderfully constructed craft. But Jim Bludso was the star engineer of his time and when his hand was on the lever, his foot on the throttle and a sinner "set" on the safety valve, why every one was easy, for they knew that Bludso was game.

Robert Hilliard makes a much better Bludso than a society hero, and claims to far better advantage in the heavily garb of the Pike County engineer than he would in gun-metal evening clothes or a dandy little tux.

Because Hilliard wears his clothes well and always had a beautiful buttonhole and a magnificent manner of the stage, managers as a general thing concluded that this was his line behind the footlights. So they made a Beauty Man of him and insisted on his doing drawing-room stunts and showing off the very newest wrinkles in pant-funks, English waistcoats and dinner coats.

In reality he is a genuine Remington type, not only in looks but in temperamental peculiarities, mannerisms and voice. He never has shown to such picturesque advantage on the professional stage as in the good old days of his amateur stardom, when he used to do a flying leap from the floor to the center of the stage with a red pouch bound about his head and demanded free life and free air of his audience, who became warmed up to a fine stage of enthusiasm that Hilliard in a dinner coat was never known to waken.

Actors are continually being hampered with parts unsuited to them—clothes unsuited to them, and sentiments that they utter with about as much convincing force as a graphophone.

Through three and sometimes four acts whole companies of intelligent looking actors rant about the deadly beauty of the heroine, who may be anything but beautiful—so much so that every time the attention is made the fact that she is not beautiful is rubbed into the brain of the audience.

Some of the cleverest men on the stage who have grown famous in the past through their renditions of roles fitted to them by artist-managers, are made nothing short of ridiculous with parts, costumes and speeches that suit them about as well as a Millie James specialty at the Children's Theatre would suit Max Irwin.

Therefore, when you see an actor fitted with a role that suits even as well as Bludso fits the leader-actor now working the lever of the *Proble Solle* on Fourteenth Street, you feel like uttering tremendous cheers in the hope that a good example may set other managers looking for better fits for their stars.

You get a good-looking actor in an especially well-made array of tops from a good tailor and a consciousness will creep over him that this is quite enough to give the audience.

Any number of the women actors are carried by their gowns and get to depend on them. A good gown, a somewhat startling accent and a drawing-room manner, and they are equipped for the dramatic field—at least, so they think and so, sometimes, their managers seem to think. But, after a stage of this sort of play, it becomes so wearisome and boring and superficial, that one longs for a circus, Buffalo Bill or something with whoops in it.

Jim Bludso is what one might call an old-fashioned melodrama, but in reality its absolute simplicity makes it artistic. There is not a line of rant in it, the heroic speeches are not drawn out into gallery play, and, after the first act, you who have been steeped in Frobenius Pinner, Mansfieldian Shakespeare and some of the recent weird things we have been given with the tag of German adaptation to them, will find yourselves drawing in deep breaths of fresh Fourteenth Street air and wondering why it is.

Once in a while we get these drifts of artistic simplicity—sometimes in a play and sometimes in an actor. Miss Fay Davis in *Imprudence* was one of the charming recent expositions of apparently unstudied grace of attitude and expression, of voice and smile. When she held her hands out to the lover of

the play she gave you the impression that she was giving him her hands and wasn't caring a hang what the audience thought of it.

Now that Hilliard has emerged from the dress-coated school of stage heroes, purposely beautiful and not allowed to forget it by the playwright, the costume or the stage-manager, we may hope to see him in something Remingtonesque and natural, a Hanson's Jolly hero, holding up a stage coach in a cloak and black masque, or a reformed cowboy à la Clay in *Soldiers of Fortune*.

Hilliard could probably give us a better Clay than Edison did—for artist as Edison is, he didn't look the part. In make-up he gave us G. D. Gibson's hero forthrightened, rather than Davis' or his own conception.

On the other hand, if you give the role of some decent, respectable citizen, without any trace of wild Indian in him, to Hilliard he would grope, and has proved in the past, rather disappointing, while Edison is covered with medals from his performances in just this line.

It was not until Remington began to illustrate Richard Harding Davis' heroes that we commenced to understand that they might be real live men after all. Remington's picture-men have breath in their nostrils and fire in their eyes—they are something more than line and broad margins, and they have no nobly styles to deceive you.

Anything that Remington illustrates Hilliard can probably play better than any actor of the day, for he looks the part and probably feels it under his ornate waistcoats, otherwise we should have had some touch of his Bludso earnestness in the drowsy roles he has always been called upon to play.

But separate him from his good clothes and he at once begins to act, and even though we must go to Fourteenth Street to see him, we are glad that the plunge in Wall Street has taught him in some way that pure hearts are more than Knox hats and simple faith than a Buddha.

Broadway might snuff at Jim Bludso. He is somewhat too virile a type for those of us who have grown used to our fluffy heroes—funny but never vulgar.

We have seen the fluffy hero rise to the apex of his popularity and gradually relapse to a condition of box-office greatness and before his flashing across the dramatic camera there was what was called the "dress-coat actor," whose claim to distinction lay principally in his ability to wear the difficult masculine garb of evening as though he were a tailor's dummy.

The dress-coat actor was created in the time of heavy-weight leading ladies, who, if they should faint in the arms of a modern matinee hero, would haul him over like a ninny.

But the dress-coat actor chosen as a "support" had to have girls and muscles like iron. All the physical attributes of a prize fighter had to be hidden beneath his attire. He must be a shoulder hitter as well as a lover. However, this type has died out just as the hippy chorus girl has departed to some unknown bourne. After them came the slim leading ladies—red birds without the toast—and men stars as gentle mannered as the boundaries that preceded them were rude.

And now it is possible that something new and Remingtonesque will be the next fashion and the actor will be secondary to the man he is trying to create.

Molds of fashion and of form are all right where they belong, but, despite Mrs. Osborne's well-meaning effort to make of *Thopie* a clothes horse upon which to show snitty models, we must refuse to stand for any such idea.

Somehow I fancied that Hilliard would do Bludso in knickerbockers and gait stockings and some new and fancy silk and linen mixture in the way of a handkerchief. I imagined him holding his nose again the bank with a putter, and talking Pike County with broad *g's* and dropped *g's*.

But it's Bludso that is in Fourteenth Street and a Bludso that, despite a mature Little Breaches and a Dockstadian Banty Tim, is more full of thrills than a lifetime of Hilliards could command.

## EAGLES' BENEFIT BREAKS RECORD.

The recent benefit performance of the Eagles, held at the New York Theatre, broke all records of such affairs, netting over \$14,000. Gallery seats brought as high as \$30, and \$500 was paid for a box. Almost without exception the most prominent theatrical people in New York either participated or attended. Lillian Russell, assisted by the entire Weber and Fields chorus, was the feature of the performance. Among those who participated were Ned Goodwin, Maxine Elliott, Charles Ross, Mabel Fenton, Sam Bernart, Fay Tinney, Victor and Florida, Eddie Collier, Dan McAvoy, Eddie Fox, John T. Kelly, James T. Powers, the Judge Family, Edna Wallace Hopper, Jerome Sykes, Gus Thatcher, Charles Hopewell, Peter F. Dailly, Harry Kelly, George Fuller Golden, Louis Wesley, Billy Gould, Joe Hawthorne, Robert Hilliard, Stanley Hawkins, Raymond Paul, Hugh Culver, Al. Wilson, George Edwards, George Hoban, and many another well-known actor and actress.

## TO SUCCEED GRETA GREEN.

On Saturday night Greta Green, at the Madison Square Theatre, will be withdrawn. In its stead Manager Henry B. Harris will produce *The Earl of Poutchuck*, a new play by Augustus Thomas. Elizabeth Tyne will appear in the new piece, the title-role of which is to be played by Lawrence O'Grady. At the close of the run it is said that Mr. Harris will again organize Greta Green, with Miss Tyne, for a tour of the large cities. The first performance of *The Earl of Poutchuck* will, it is expected, be given on Feb. 2.

## FRED C. LATHAN RESIGNS.

At the close of the season Fred C. Lathan, who has been for four years the manager of the Maurice Grau Opera company, will sever his connection with that organization. As his reason for so doing Mr. Lathan states that he is influenced solely by a desire to be rid, for a time at any rate, of the cares and responsibilities of operatic management, and when the season is over he will go to Australia, where his wife, a prominent English actress, is now playing.

## PROFESSIONALS ATTEND HANLEY.

E. H. Sothern gave on Tuesday a special matinee of *Hanley* at which many prominent people were present. Among those were Julia Marlowe, Blanche Bates, Bijou Fernandez, Lotta Lutz, Frank McKee, May Robson, Charles Richmond, E. M. Holland, Robert Harries, Paul Kester, Fritz Williams, and several members of the Twelfth Night Club.

## LANES CLUB'S BURLESQUE.

After the theatres had closed their doors on Tuesday night the members of the Lanes Club gambled through a burlesque of Mr. Pickwick, in which De Wolf Hopper and Dicky Bell are now appearing at the Herald Square Theatre.

## HANLEY VICTOR FRASER.

A bandmaster whose ability and economy have won him an enviable reputation not only in his native country, England, but in America as well, is Handel Victor Fraser, whose portrait appears on the front page of this week's Mirror. Mr. Fraser's father was bandmaster to Queen Victoria's private band, established the first military band at the Crystal Palace, and was later leader of the bands of the Earl of Chester's Household and of the St. George's Volunteers. Then it can be seen that Mr. Fraser comes naturally by his musical talents. His first visit to this country was as a member of Don Godfrey's Grenadier Guards Band in 1894, and on his return to England he became leader of the First Essex Artillery Band, after which he secured the conductorship of the Municipal Orchestra in Loughborough. On his decision to return to America a large testimonial was tendered him, the affair being under the patronage of the Duke of Westminster, the Earl and Countess of Warwick, and Lord Lee. Mr. Fraser was presented with a medal and ribbon of gold. Making his first New York appearance at the Waldorf-Astoria, later Mr. Fraser was seen at the Herald Square Theatre, and on both occasions he was emotionally well received. During the coming summer Mr. Fraser, who is now a citizen of the United States, will tour with his British Guards Band the principal resorts of the country.

## NORTHWESTERN MANAGERS ORGANIZE.

The managers of a large number of theatres in Northern Wisconsin, Michigan, and Northern Minnesota met last week in Minneapolis and organized the Northwestern Managers' Association. The aim of the association will be to improve the business of the theatres represented by securing a better grade of attractions and popular price reductions.

C. D. Marshall, of Duluth, is the President and Charles T. Green, of Minneapolis, is Vice-President. The present members of the organization are P. B. Huber, of Fond du Lac; C. R. Cane, of Wausau; John Williams, of Oshkosh; F. M. Peterson, of Eau Claire; A. F. Koppa, of Marquette; R. J. Butler, of Loughborough; C. A. Marshall, of Duluth; J. D. Cuddey, of Calumet; A. J. Burns, of Iron Mountain; M. J. Karstene, of Hancock; W. R. Stone, of South Sea, Minn.; and Charles T. Green, of Minneapolis.

The organization is beginning earnest efforts which it expects will result in securing the cooperation of every representative house in the Northwest.

## MAURICE GRAU TO RETIRE.

At the close of this season Maurice Grau will retire from the management of the Metropolitan Opera House and will go to his summer home near Paris for a rest of at any rate twelve months.

For the past thirty years Mr. Grau has been ever prominent as an impresario, but now his nervous system is so shattered that his physicians declare that a complete rest is absolutely essential. And, though Mr. Grau states that in a year or more he may return to his former field, it is doubtful if he will ever again take an active part in the production of grand opera.

Mr. Grau's five-year lease of the Opera House expires this spring, and as yet the directors of the company have not discussed further action. It is rumored that possibly Walter Damrosch or Jean De Reszke may undertake the management of the Metropolitan Opera House and conduct matters in the same lines as has Mr. Grau, but as yet nothing definite has been decided.

## UNDUE REALISM IN JIM BLUDSO.

Beneath the stage of the Fourteenth Street Theatre is a reservoir which, in the flood scene of Jim Bludso, reveals the turbulent waters of the Mississippi as they swirl through the broken levees. Miss White, who plays Mrs. Bludso, was standing on the banks of the Mississippi at Tuesday evening's performance when suddenly she lost her balance and with a terrified scream fell into the reservoir, while the audience, appreciating the realism of her act, loudly applauded. Robert Hilliard, who was in the wings when the accident occurred, hurried to Miss White's aid and rescued her from the torrent. The curtain was rung down while they changed their clothes and then it was raised again and the performance went on.

## CHILD ACTRESS DIES OF BURNS.

Baby Josephine, a winsome seven-year-old actress, the only child of the eldest of the Payton sisters, who was frightfully burned on Jan. 12 while the company was playing at Chattanooga, Tenn., and died on the following morning, was a clever and dainty little actress and was well known throughout the country, for she had played in Canada, Mexico, nearly every State in the Union, and had made seven trips along the Pacific Coast.

## GUSTAV WEIL ARRESTED.

On a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, Gustav Weil, of 347 West Twenty-eighth Street, who claims to be a theatrical manager, was last week arraigned in the Jefferson Market Court. The complainants, May Douglas and Adelaide Melba, allege that Weil gave them lessons in acting with the understanding that he would secure them engagements and advertising, which, they say, he has not done. Weil was held for further examination.

## A PRINCESS OF KENSINGTON.

A Princess of Kensington, which was given its first performance in London on Thursday night, is said to have met with instantaneous success. The piece is by Basil Hood and Edward German and was produced at the Savoy Theatre. Constance Dryer, an American girl, assumed the leading role and won the highest favor. The English papers prophesy that she will be the most popular light opera singer since the days of Gilbert and Sullivan.

## FOR SWORD OR SONG.

A very bewildering production, entitled *For Sword or Song*, was last week produced in London and it seems to compass the critics. It is a decided novelty in theatrical productions, the dialogue being in a way, versification, and the theme confusing. The piece was written by Robert Loge, Louis Calvert, and Raymond Ross. Julia Neilson, Fred Terry and Louis Calvert play the principal roles.

## TO FIX SIZE OF DRESSING-ROOMS.

A bill to regulate the size of dressing-rooms was last week introduced at Albany by Assemblyman Hinson. The measure provides that the rooms shall each be eight feet wide, ten feet long and nine feet high, and that the gas jets shall be properly screened. The bill provides that factory inspectors are to see that the law is enforced.

## BITTEN BY A PIG.

Julia Martin, a chorus girl in the When Johnny Comes Marching Home company, was on Thursday night bitten by a pig, a property of the play. Blood poisoning has set in and Miss Martin has been compelled to retire from the play. She has been trying formalin as a cure.

## PERFORMANCE STOPPED BY INJUNCTION.

Thursday's performance at New Britain, Conn., of *The Girl in Blue*, was stopped by injunction, the contention being over the appearance of Miss De Lee, whom the city authorities had forbidden to play.

## REFLECTIONS

Photo by Clithero, Boston.

Letitia Jewel, whose portrait appears above, is a young actress not yet out of her teens, and still she has achieved a degree of success that speaks for her ability and character. Already she has appeared in several Shakespearean roles; in fact, she was the youngest actress that ever played *Celia*, it is said. And in every part her work has shown more than ordinary merit. At present she is with the Castle Square Theatre stock company of Boston, whose patrons she is charming with her clever acting and delightful personality. In addition to her theatrical work Miss Jewel finds time for improving employment, and it is well known for many characteristic charities. She is fast becoming not only a theatrical but also a social favorite with Bostonians.

Fifty Sunday-school boys from the Church of the Holy Innocents, Hoboken, were Thursday night brought by Father Ewing to see Louis Mann in *The Consul*.

After the run of *Florodora* at the Academy The Ninety and Miss will return for the balance of the season.

Dorothy Scott, formerly of Mrs. Osborn's Playhouse, has joined the Western Liberty Bell company.

W. L. Abington, the English actor who is to play in Amelia Bingham's company, arrived in New York Friday night and immediately went to Philadelphia, where the company is rehearsing.

Harry Leighton, who has been starring in *Report of Heston*, has been engaged by Frank Lee Shortt for *Bohemia* and *Juliet* at Mrs. Osborn's Playhouse.

Matt Nasher, who has been ahead of Sullivan, Harris and Wood's *Fatal Wedding* company, has returned to New York to accept a permanent position in the home office.

The Boston Bank Officers' Association will produce on Feb. 2 the musical extravaganza, *Brown Nankin*, written for the organization by R. A. Barnet, the creator of many successful pieces. The production will run for a week, and J. D. Eitings, H. D. Gardner, and C. C. Dancy will play leading roles.

Thomas G. Leith, proprietor of a circuit of Virginia theatres, has appointed A. S. Dunsberry manager of the circuit. Corlin Shields, formerly manager of the Newport News Academy, will have charge of the Norfolk house.

George Kingsbury, general manager for Henry W. Savage, has gone West to attend the early performances of *Ad's Peggy* from Paris.

Albert W. Taylor is playing Sir Benjamin Backbite in *The School for Scandal* with William Owen's company.

Edith Millward is playing the role of Mimi in *The Strollers* company, the part originated by Marie George.

It is rumored that a theatre may be erected on the site of the William H. Everts mansion, at Second Avenue and Fourteenth Street.

Robert R. Richards and Louise Josephs were recently married at Yonkers City, N. Y.

Harry G. Korman has resigned as leading juvenile of the Grand Opera House stock company of Philadelphia, and will go on the road.

E. L. Snader has resigned from the Winchester company and will originate the leading heavy role in Spencer and Aborn's new production of *Hearts Adrift*.

Mrs. Brown Potter, at a recent meeting of the National Sunday League at Queen's Hall, London, gave a recitation of "Elinor's Prayer" to a piano accompaniment by Adolph Mann.

Marie Barrett has left the One Night in June company at Wheeling, W. Va., and is now resting in Philadelphia.

The Monumental Theatre, at Raleigh, N. C., is now under the management of Roger Flint. The house has been altered and refitted and was opened yesterday by the Mabel Page company.

Zettie Kennedy, prima donna of Fred C. Whitney's production of *When Johnny Comes Marching Home*, at the New York Theatre, is a graduate of the American School of Opera. Mr. Whitney has his eye on another very promising pupil of the school, Bertha Shalek.

Marie Striker, of The Chaperone company, is said to be a party to a claim for the title to property situated in New York and valued at a million dollars.

Bandmaster Sousa, now in England with his band, has written to the principal English newspapers complaining that pirated editions of his songs are sold by hawkers in the London streets. He states that as he complied with the International Copyright law he expected the English Government to assume the responsibility of protecting his property. "Apparently," he concludes, "no such responsibility exists."

Mrs. W. K. Clifford, the novelist, has contributed a one-act play to the current number of *The Nineteenth Century*. The play is of a very serious order and is modeled on the lines of Ibsen's dramas.

Clara Lavine, who replaced Paula Edwards with The Defender, has had several advantageous offers, one to appear in a new production in Chicago, and another for this city in the Spring.

The American School of Opera and Conservatory of Music has secured for its vocal department Anna Lankow, Frank de Rialp, Theodore Van Tor, Hugo Biella, Sylvester T. Ritter, J. Mendelsohn, Charles O. Bassett, and Louise G. Courtney. Edgardo Petri has been engaged for languages and Harry Howe Shelley for sight reading and harmony. Herman Perlet, William Parry, Elise Barocco, and Louis R. Senac are also connected with the school.

William G. Stewart has accepted from Mrs. H. Harvey, of Quebec, Canada, the manuscript of an opera entitled *La Torre Buena*. The piece will be produced by Mr. Stewart's Boston company early this summer.

Musical Director Charles Zimmerman, of The Wharfed of Os, made use of a novel device last week at the Majestic Theatre. During the dark scenes the tip of his baton was illuminated with a tiny electric light, which enabled the musicians to follow his every movement with ease.







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**THRENTON.**—**TAYLOR OPERA HOUSE.** (A. H. Standa, mgr.): The Power Behind the Throne 17, 18; fair house.

**ATLANTIC CITY.**—**YOUNG'S PIER THEATRE.** (Harry D'Este, mgr.): The Power Behind the Throne 17, 18; fair house.

**ELIZABETH.**—**LYCEUM THEATRE.** (Edwin Ring, mgr.): The Power Behind the Throne 17, 18; fair house.

**BRIDGEPORT.**—**CRITERION THEATRE.** (Ed B. Moore, mgr.): The Power Behind the Throne 17, 18; fair house.

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**—**SHORTRIDGE'S THEATRE.** (H. Shortridge, mgr.): The Power Behind the Throne 17, 18; fair house.

**ASBURY PARK.**—**EDUCATIONAL HALL.** (W. B. Morris, mgr.): The Power Behind the Throne 17, 18; fair house.

**PATERSON.**—**OPERA HOUSE.** (John J. Goetz, mgr.): The Power Behind the Throne 17, 18; fair house.

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**A FATAL CARD.**—**OPERA HOUSE.** (J. P. Sutton, mgr.): The Power Behind the Throne 17, 18; fair house.

**TROY.**—**GRAND OPERA HOUSE.** (M. B. Bala, mgr.): The Power Behind the Throne 17, 18; fair house.

**UTICA.**—**MAJESTIC THEATRE.** (E. D. Birdseye, mgr.): The Power Behind the Throne 17, 18; fair house.

**BINGHAMTON.**—**STONE OPERA HOUSE.** (J. P. E. Clark, mgr.): The Power Behind the Throne 17, 18; fair house.

**SARASOTA SPRINGS.**—**TOWN HALL THEATRE.** (H. P. Sculler, mgr.): The Power Behind the Throne 17, 18; fair house.

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WINDBROKEN, ALAN (Normanmgr.: S. H. Blahk, mgr.): Meachum, Ill., Jan. 27, 28, Louisiana, Mo., 29-31, Hannibal Feb. 2-4, Mason 5-7.  
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A BREXBY TIME (Eastern): Marie H. Norton, prop.; Cortland, N. Y., Jan. 20, Watery 21, Towanda, Pa., 22, Corning, N. Y., 23, Hamfield, Pa., Feb. 1, Hamburg 2, Wellsboro 3, Gettysburg 4, Corning 5.  
A BREXBY TIME (Middle): Marie H. Norton, prop.; Frankfurt, Mich., Jan. 21, Manassas Park, Va., 2, Grayling 3, Gaylord 4, Midland 5, Orinda 6, East Taylor 7.  
A BREXBY TIME (Western): Marie H. Norton, prop.; Osceola, Ia., Jan. 20, Creston 20, William 21, Clarinda 21, Shawandash Feb. 2, Red Oak 4, At-jantic 5, Pleasant 6, Hamilton 7.  
A GAMBLER'S DAUGHTER (Western): S. L. Crang, mgr.; Curvalla, Ore., Jan. 21, Salem 22, Grants City 23, Vancouver, Wash., 24, Dulles 25, Pocatello, Ore., Feb. 2, La Grande 3, Baker City 4, Weiser, Ida., 5.  
A MONTANA OUTLAW (Warner and Altman, mgrs.): Utica, N. Y., Jan. 20, St. Lawrence 21, Clinton, Can., 22-31.  
A NIGHT AT THE CIRCUIT: Reading, Pa., Jan. 21, Williamsport 22, Hamilton 23, Pottsville 24, Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 2.  
BONNAIE-PRICE (Wm. H. Smith): Athens, Ga., Jan. 22, 23, Lincoln 24-25, Delaware Feb. 2-4, Clinton 5-7.  
CITY OF STARS (H. Henry Welch): Philadelphia, Penn., Jan. 20-21, North Attleboro, Mass., 22.  
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INDIANA POLICE (Alison, Ill., Jan. 20, Lewiston 21, Mason City 21, Lincoln Feb. 2, Clinton 3, Mt. Vernon 4, Keosauqua 5.  
MADAMSELLE LOUISE: Newark, N. J., Jan. 21, Auburn 20, Ithaca 20, Corning 20, Cortland 21, Oswego Feb. 2.  
PAULINE (Hyphantist): Ouelbrook, Can., Jan. 20-21.  
PRICKS AND BOES (Eastern): Geo. W. South, mgr.; Rome, N. Y., Jan. 20, Lewisville 21, Louisville 22, Watertown 21, Camden Feb. 2, Oswego 3.  
QUINLAN AND WALL'S MINSTRELS: Flint, Mich., Jan. 20, Port Huron 21, St. Thomas, Can., Feb. 2, Erie 3, Buffalo 4, Detroit 5-7.  
ROCKARDI STOCK (Harry Roscoe, mgr.): Anthon, Ia., Jan. 20-25, Early 26-31, Storm Lake Feb. 2-4.  
ROMERO AND JULIE (Simwell's; S. F. Trevellick, mgr.): Boston, Ma., Jan. 27, Cambridge 28, Baltimore 29, Salem, N. J., Bridgeton Feb. 2, Atlantic City 3, Asbury Park 4, Norristown 5, Dover 6, Newton 7.  
ROSTELLE (Hyphantist): C. H. Gary, mgr.; Scranton, Pa., Jan. 20-21, Roanoke Feb. 2-7.  
THE COUNTY FAIR: Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 20-21, Stamford, Conn., Feb. 2, Waterbury 3, New Haven 4, Springfield, Mass., 5, Malden 6, Waltham 7, Providence, R. I., 8-14.  
THE MIDDLEMAN (Louis J. Russell): East Liverpool, O., Jan. 27, Oil City, Pa., 28, Kane 29, Mt. Jewett 30, Johnsonburg 31, Reynoldsville Feb. 2, Houtside 3, Tyrone 4, Somerset 5, Lewiston 7.  
THUNDERBO BILLYBULLS: Gatesboro, N. J., Jan. 20-21, Troy, N. Y., Feb. 2, Albany 3-7.  
VERNON STOCK (Benj. H. Vernon, mgr.): Hancock, N. Y., Jan. 20-21, Liberty Feb. 2, Walton 3-14.  
VILLAR ALLEN (City Island Prince; A. C. West, mgr.): Jack Haven, Pa., Jan. 20, Pennsylvania Feb. 2, Kittanning 3, New Kensington 4, Warrenton 7.  
WHY PATSY LEFT SCHOOL: Councilville, Pa., Jan. 27, St. Petersburg 28, Scottsdale 29, Greenwald 30, McKeesport 31.  
YORK TATE PHOENIX: Kingston, N. Y., Jan. 20, Poughkeepsie 21.







That with Percy Marshall will produce a new version of "The Sign of the Cross".

The Village Theatre is now of the Holiday Street Theatre. The production company is a new one, and the scenery and appointments are superb. At the end of the week it will give place to "The Sign of the Cross".

The second stock company at Convention Hall will be the second week. Under Two Flags, Vanderville is presented during the week, and the performance are very good.

Noted actress and Martin Abbott will appear at Ford's the week of Feb. 9 in "The Altar of Friendship". They will be followed by Stuart Nelson in an elaborate revival of "The Comedy of Errors". Mrs. Langtry in "The Cossacks" will appear Feb. 22.

The second performance of the Oratorio Society for the season will be given on Thursday night next in Music Hall, when Handel's oratorio "Messiah" will be given. The soloists will be Mrs. Marie Kunkle Stummern, Josephine Jones, Loid Rand and Frederick Martin.

Edward Kane was found guilty and fined for importing "liquors to purchase tickets for the performance of the Holiday Street Theatre last Wednesday night. Attached to the theatre requested Kane not to sell tickets in the lobby, but he persisted and in one or two instances introduced with persons who were making their way to the box-office. HAROLD RUTLAND.

## CINCINNATI.

**Favorite Attractions Return to Town—The Week's Offerings.**  
(Special to The Mirror.)

CINCINNATI, Jan. 26.

Raymond Hitchcock is at the Grand to-night in "King David," and duplicates his previous success. Charles Shuman, Margaret McKinley, Flora Sabella, Arthur Woolley, Greta Elsie, Ivar Anderson, and William Corbin form a pleasing group of principals. Robert Edson in "Holders of Fortune" will follow.

Otis Skinner's fine production of "Lesarré" drew large houses to the Grand the latter part of last week and scored a popular success.

The last three weeks of the present season of the Pina company are announced. Yesterday's bill was "Because the Loved Film Co. with George F. Payne in the role originated by J. E. Dodson. In the Palace of the King and The Climbers will conclude the season.

Hendrick has a strong attraction this week in "Arthur C. Alston's At the Old Cross Roads." James M. Brophy and Ruth Williams head the cast, and in the company are William H. Randall, Harry Douchette, Charles D. Coburn, George S. Davis, Marion Bohannon, Gertrude O'Malley, Adeline Mann, Louise Valentine, and Mrs. Charles G. Craig.

The Four Coburns began their third engagement at the Walnut last night in "The Governor's Son." Danne Marina, a satirical farce by W. Mann, was last night's offering by the German company. The occasion was Matilda Durand's benefit, and her friends crowded the house.

The Minister's Daughter, by Leonard Grover, is this week's bill at the Lyceum. Logan Reid, chief scenic artist at the Pina, has resumed his work after a brief illness. H. A. SCRIBER.

## NATIVE TEA PARTIES.

Jessie Mae Hall, Josephine Lovett, Madge Dean, Olive White, and Mrs. Willard, all members of the Jim Bludso company, now playing at the Fourteenth Street Theatre, participated in tea parties last Wednesday and Saturday during the matinees. One of the dressing-rooms was used for the occasion, and the different members of the company participated between "cups."

## MISS EYESSON SECURES VERDICT.

Isabelle Eyesson, formerly leading woman of Shonandah at the Philadelphia Grand Opera House, has been awarded, it is said, \$1,500 damages for breach of contract in her suit against Florence Blagfield. Miss Eyesson will this week leave the company, as she has been engaged for the Albee Stock company, of Providence, R. I.

## BENEFIT FOR A. M. PALMER.

The friends of A. M. Palmer, who has been forced by illness to withdraw from active work, are planning for him a benefit performance to be given in May. It is thought that the Metropolitan Opera House will be engaged and that a single play will be presented by a cast of stars.

## CLARA BLOODGOOD WINS SUIT.

Clara Bloodgood, who brought suit against the Lederer Amusement Company to recover one week's salary which she testified was not paid her when she was with Elsie De Wolfe's company, was on Friday awarded a judgment of \$250.

## HEIDELBERG SHELVED.

The Shubert Brothers have discontinued the performances of Heidelberg, in which Aubrey Maudslott has been appearing at various performances at the Herald Square Theatre. The road tour, too, has been abandoned.

## NATHAN HALE BANNED.

Clyde Fitch's Nathan Hale, which was booked for a week in Canada, returned Friday to the United States, the citizens of Guelph, Ont., failing to appreciate the piece and deeming its production "an insult to British subjects."

## PRESIDENT ATTENDS THE OPERA.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt and their guests attended the recent performance of Philomena at the Metropolitan Opera company in aid of the Washington Negroes' Guild.

## NEWSPAPER MEN IN UNCLE TOM.

The Press Club of Buffalo has decided that in the near future its members will present an elaborate production of Uncle Tom's Cabin with a male cast. An old-fashioned street parade will precede the performance.

## STOCK COMPANY AT MT. VERNON.

H. G. Williams has taken a lease of the Orpheum Theatre at Mt. Vernon, and will organize a stock company which will give its first performance on Feb. 6. William Alexander has been engaged as business manager.

## A NEW WESTERN CIRCUIT.

Star and Haviland have established a chain of thirty-two theatres along the Pacific coast. The last theatre to be leased by the firm is the Grand Opera House at San Francisco.

## SOUTHERN TO PLAY PACIFIC COAST.

It has been announced that E. H. Sothorn, at the close of his Eastern season, will for the first time in ten years play on the Pacific Coast, appearing in several California cities.

## COURTNEY BITTEN BY A DOG.

William Courtney, who is supporting Miss Harned in "Iris," was recently bitten by a newly acquired dog. The wound was so severe that it necessitated eight stitches in Mr. Courtney's hip.

## ROSE MELVILLE ILL.

Rose Melville, who has won note as "Sis Hopkins," is lying ill with pneumonia at Detroit and is in a dangerous condition.

## ACTORS' CHURCH ALLIANCE NEWS.

National (and Local) Headquarters, Manhattan Theatre Building, Broadway and Thirty-third Street.

The twenty-first regular reception of the New York Chapter of the Actors' Church Alliance was held Thursday afternoon in the Parish House of St. Timothy's Church, the Rev. Dr. Lubeck, rector and chaplain, presided and delivered the address of welcome. This was followed by a recitation entitled "A Kentucky Cinderella," given by Mrs. Emily Farron Gregory.

"Love's Like a Red, Red Rose" were rendered with charming effect by Maude Laferty. Maude Ferguson Reichardt recited "Uncle Jonas" with much force and spirit, and was followed by Harry Leighton, who gave "The Fitch of all present." The programme, arranged by Madame Von Kleener, closed with a short talk by the President of the Chapter, Rev. Walter E. Bentley, who gave an outline of the progress of the Chapter and urged the support of all present in the extension of its influence. Refreshments were served by Rosa Rand, chairman of the Reception Committee. There was an unusually large attendance and among those present were Mrs. G. H. Gilbert, Rev. Dr. H. M. Warren, A. E. Ford, "Aunt Louisa" Eldridge, Rev. Warner E. L. Ward, Edward Russell, Rev. F. J. Clay Morgan, Georgina Brandon, Edwin Stevens, and Bertha Livingston.

The next service of the Boston Chapter will be held in one of the local theatres next Sunday evening, Feb. 1, at 8 p. m. The Right Rev. Dr. Lawrence, Bishop of Massachusetts, will preach the sermon, and the Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale and the Rev. Dr. Herrick will be present. At the regular tea held last Thursday there were present Mr. and Mrs. Wright Huntington, Clara Thropp, Fanny Argyll, Irene Langford, Marie Cahill, Maude A. Scott, Elliott Funching, David Kimball, Jr., and the Rev. Dr. Dumber. The annual meeting of the chapter was held last Monday evening in the blue room of Tremont Temple, and officers for the ensuing year were elected. In the morning Mrs. David F. Kimball gave a chamber concert for the benefit of the chapter at the Hotel Vendome. Selections were given by Gabriel Desolais, baritone, and a choice programme was arranged.

Edith Merrill, leading lady of The Christian company, sang last Sunday at both services held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Richmond, Ind., by invitation of the rector, Rev. J. H. Hadley. The Rev. Walter E. Bentley, General Secretary, told the story of the Alliance and gave some personal reminiscences. Before the Men's Club of Christ Church, York, N. Y., he was introduced by the Rev. E. Atherton, Lyon, rector and chaplain. Although the talk lasted nearly four hours the interest created and the impression produced were so powerful that Mr. Bentley has been invited to visit York again in February and speak in the largest hall in the city.

The Executive Committee of the New York Chapter will meet at the headquarters next Monday afternoon, Feb. 2, at 4 o'clock.

## RUMORS OF A NEW OPERA HOUSE.

It was last week rumored that the Metropolitan Real Estate and Opera Company, which owns the Metropolitan Opera House, would sell the present building to a mercantile or manufacturing concern and secure a new site the block upon which formerly stood the Durland Riding Academy, at The Circle. However, owing to the retiring of Maurice Grau, it is probable that weightier considerations will be given first attention. When a new opera house shall be erected it is the intention that it shall be an enduring monument of architecture as well as musical art. Another site mentioned is that of the Plaza Hotel, though it is deemed as a less probable location than the other.

## ADOLF PHILIPP A BANKRUPT.

Adolf Philipp, who for many years managed the Germania Theatre, in Eighth Street, last week filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$65,426 and no assets. A large part of the liabilities are for breach of contract with various actors and managers. A few months ago Mr. Philipp started on a Western tour, but was not successful and closed in Chicago. However, he paid his company for services and gave them first-class fare back to New York. Mr. Philipp will next summer go to Europe, as he has secured an engagement with Monte in Hamburg.

## SCHOLARSHIP FOR NOTORMAN.

While riding on a trolley car last week, William G. Stewart, who sings the title-role in "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," entered into a chat with Louis McAdam, the notorman, and learned that he had operatic aspirations. That afternoon McAdam's voice was tried by Reginald de Koven, H. L. Williams and Mr. Stewart, all of whom were so pleased that Mr. McAdam has now a free scholarship in the American School of Opera.

## DALY TREASURES TO BE SOLD.

Thousands of dollars' worth of art treasures and costumes belonging to the estate of the late Augustin Daly, which are valuable not only intrinsically but also for the sentimental association attached to them, will be sold at auction by order of Ada Behan, by whom they were inherited. She will, however, retain many of the smaller and more highly prized pieces of the collection.

## JIM BLUDSO SOLD.

For a consideration of \$20,000, it is said, Sullivan, Harris and Woods have purchased from Rich and Harris the play Jim Bludso. At the termination of its engagement at the Fourteenth Street Theatre the piece will be laid aside for the rest of the season, and at the beginning of next its new owners will take it on tour, with a new cast.

## LEDERER FEARS NOT ARREST.

On the application of George W. Lederer, Judge Lowell, of Boston, recently issued a writ of protection prohibiting his arrest in Massachusetts on any civil process. Lederer has filed a petition in bankruptcy in New York and the writ will stay in force until the proceedings are closed.

## A NEW GERMAN PLAY PRODUCED.

The Night Refuge, or, Scenes from Lowest Life, a new play by Maxine Gorki, was produced in Berlin on Saturday. Although the play reveals a series of miserable characters in repulsive surroundings, the critics praise it for its literary qualities.

## TRAPEZE WORK AS A QUALIFICATION.

Commissioner Williams, who is to appoint six women to board ships down the bay from revenue cutters, has received an application from an ex-trapeze performer, who states that her previous training seems to her to be an excellent qualification for the desired position.

## OSBORN PLAYHOUSE REOPENS.

Frank Lea Shortt, who has leased Mrs. Osborn's Playhouse, will this evening open the house with his production of Romeo and Juliet. The theatre has been made to resemble as nearly as possible the Old Swan Theatre of London.

## INHERITS VALUABLE PROPERTY.

Dolly Theobald, a vaudeville actress, is said to have inherited a vast and fertile tract of Arkansas land, valued at \$40,000.

## CLARA MORRIS' CONDITION.

Clara Morris, who has been very seriously ill at her home near Yonkers, was reported to be very much improved yesterday. The doctor in attendance stated that her fever had abated, though she is still prostrated nervously. Miss Morris' pecuniary affairs are also brightening. Early last week she was threatened with the foreclosure of a mortgage on her home, and in the process server was instructed to sell a notice on the door. But in the last two days a number of prominent and wealthy men have come to her aid, and it is planned to give off performance for her in the near future. It is said.

## A GAMBLER OF THE LANDS.

The Lambs held their Mid-Winter gambol on Sunday night, in their clubhouse in Thirty-sixth Street, and it was one of the merriest meetings that even the oldest Lamb can recall. A playlet called John Henry, from the pen of George F. Hobart, was presented with William Collier in the title-role. This was followed by various dramatic and musical offerings, which continued until a seemly hour in the morning.

## TO APPEAR IN RESURRECTION.

Among those who will appear in Hammerstein's forthcoming production of Tolstoy's "Resurrection" are Sydney Herbert, Beverley Sitgreaves, Hugo Toland, and Hattie Russell. Mrs. Laura Linden, Mrs. Kate Byron (sister of Ada Behan), Mrs. Henry Vandenhoff, and Mrs. Virginia Buchanan, all of whom are actresses of the old school, will also appear in the production.

## ADELINA PATTI'S TOUR.

Robert Grau has arranged the tour of Adelina Patti as follows: She will open in New York Nov. 4, and sing at five concerts; Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia, two each; San Francisco, four, and Havana, four. The exact dates of the tour will be given in cities yet to be settled upon. The prices will range from \$2 to \$5.

## BURNED WITH COSMETIC.

Charlotte Groves, one of the school-ams of The Sultan of Sulu, on Saturday afternoon upset a pot of blazing cosmetic which she was trying to extinguish. Its contents flew over her face, neck and arms, burning her so severely that she will not be able to appear again for some time. Victory Gale has assumed Miss Groves' role.

## DIFFICULTIES OF TRAVEL.

Owing to a railroad wreck R. J. Carpenter's For Her Sake company became stalled recently at Stillwater, Okla. The members, however, drove thirty miles to Pawnee, gave a performance, and drove back again to Stillwater in time to catch the morning train for Guthrie.

## MASCAGNI SILENT.

It is rumored that Pietro Mascagni will soon go to San Francisco to direct a performance of Cavalleria Rusticana. Mascagni, it is said, has received many offers to tour the United States, Cuba and Mexico, but he declines to tell of his plans or confirm these rumors.

## A NEW ITALIAN OPERA.

The new opera, Oceana, by Dehio and Smargalia, was produced at Milan on Thursday. The work was not appreciated by the public, as it is lacking in inspiration, but the experts praised it highly for elaborate technicality of the music.

## D. B. HILL NOW IN COMIC OPERA.

The librettist who is to provide Maude Lambert with a new piece for her starring tour next season has, it is said, chosen David A. Hill as the principal character of the play, which will be styled The Woman Hater.

## OBITUARY.

William T. Powell, resident manager of State's Academy of Music at Washington, D. C., died Monday, Jan. 26, after a serious illness of but three days' duration of intercurrent fever, at the age of fifty-one years. He was a native of Richmond, Va., and was the husband of the late Mrs. W. T. Powell, for years manager of the old Richmond Theatre. Mr. Powell served later in manner for James Young's Grand Opera House, and the Wilbur Opera company. The funeral took place Wednesday, and the interment was at Rock Creek Cemetery.

Joseph L. Roe, the comedian of the Campbell Stratton company and brother of C. J. W. Roe, manager of the organization, died at Roseton, N. Y., on Jan. 22, after a short illness. Mr. Roe began a professional career as a member of the Corliss Opera company. Later he played in support of Lillie May Limer, Maurice Drew, Minnie Lester, and Bennett and Manton, and he was a member of the White Hat company and of George W. Wilson's company.

William Sloman, an advance agent who was well known in the profession, died in the Presbyterian hospital, in Cincinnati, on Dec. 27, after an operation to remove a tumor on the brain. Mr. Sloman had been associated recently with a number of minstrel and circus organizations. He was a member of the Elks and was buried by that order.

Herbert Ashton, an actor and property man, recently a member of the company at the Novelty Theatre, Brooklyn, died in the East District Hospital, in that city, on Jan. 24, after an operation for appendicitis. He remained in the cemetery of the Actors' Fund in the Fund plot in the Cemetery of the Evergreens.

William McGann, who was known professionally as William Mason, died on Jan. 23 at the Sisters' Hospital, at Buffalo; typhoid fever being the cause of his death. Up to the time of his illness Mr. McGann was a member of the Elks and Elks company, with which his wife is now playing. He was a resident of Buffalo.

Irving French, manager of the French Stock company, who instantly killed by a fast train at Jeannette, Pa., on Jan. 19. The remains were taken to Chicago, where the company will continue its tour under the management of Mrs. French and Don McMillan, formerly business manager of the organization.

Paul Perry, a Hungarian violinist, whose real name was Paul Weiss, committed suicide in San Francisco on Jan. 25. He was well known among theatrical people, having been musical director of several musical comedy companies.

Victor Mathias, a member of the Beauty and the Beast company, died in Philadelphia last week. Maylin J. Pickering, corresponding secretary of the Actors' Fund, has taken charge of the remains and will attend to the burial.

Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds, a retired actress of the old school, died Jan. 24 at her home, 300 West 140th Street. She is survived by three children, Victoria, Walter, and F. J. Reynolds. Funeral services will be held to-day (Tuesday) from her late residence.

Julius Hamilton, president of the Walker Opera House company, of Champaign, Ill., and father of C. F. Hamilton, manager of the house, died on Jan. 21. He was one of the most prominent business men of the city, and a very influential citizen.

George B. Kaufman, formerly treasurer of the Gaiety Theatre in Albany, the Star Theatre in Troy, and the Auditorium in Springfield, Mass., died at his home in Troy last week of typhoid fever.

Frank McGowan, a well-known newspaper man and brother of William McGowan, business manager of James H. Wallick's attractions, died at his home in Mechanicsburg, O., on Jan. 17.

Mrs. John Crawford Fowler, a musician and widely known among members of the profession, died at Phoenix, Ark., on Jan. 18.

T. L. Bell, the father of May Bell Marks and Mills Bell Millard, of the Marks Brothers' company, died in Brooklyn last week.

Mrs. Helen Augusta Saunders, mother of Lucille Saunders, the opera singer, died at her home at Hartford, Conn., last week.

Frank Pennie Falls, who some years ago was prominent in theatrical circles, died on Jan. 7 at his home in Boston.

Joseph A. Wedell, the father of Katie Allen Fox, died at his home in Philadelphia on Dec. 21.

Alma Warraman, the second daughter of Prof. J. Warraman, died at the home of her parents in Chicago on Jan. 21.

## PRINCE TO RETIRE.



At the close of the present season George H. Primrose, the veteran minstrel performer and manager, will retire from the ranks, going to his home in Mount Vernon. Mr. Primrose's season for 1903-04 was booked solid by his manager, James H. Decker, but by mutual consent their time has all been canceled. Mr. Primrose having decided to take a much-needed rest and devote his time to his real estate interests. He will be in Mount Vernon till the early Fall, when, accompanied by Mrs. Primrose, he will make a tour of Europe, visiting all the principal cities. Mr. Primrose is one of the few performers who have kept their financial standing up to the high-water mark, his fortune being put down at a million dollars. With him go the best wishes of all the profession and the public he so long has amused.

## RUMORS OF ANOTHER THEATRE.

W. F. Connor, of the firm of Lieber and Company, has purchased property on Eighth Avenue between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets. It has been rumored that the firm will erect a theatre on the site, a report which Mr. Connor neither affirms nor denies.

## MADEMOISELLE LOUISE.

Agnes Ardeck on Saturday night at Cansadigan, N. Y., produced a new play by H. I. Fowler, entitled Mademoiselle Louise.

## CUES.

Gustav von Seyffertitz, the leading comedian of Heinrich Curried's company at the Irving Place Theatre, will return to his work in February, after an illness of several months.

John L. Newton, who was taken ill at Lakewood, N. J., while playing with What Happened to Jones, and later removed to Bellevue Hospital and operated upon, has recovered sufficiently to go to his home at Portsmouth, N. H., this week.

Violet Dale, the Dorothy of the Grand Opera House, was out of the cast at the Grand Opera House from Wednesday night on, owing to a severe attack of bronchitis. Miss Dale hopes to be able to rejoin the company this week.

Owing to the spread of small pox in the town of Washington Court House, O., Manager George H. Chennell has decided to close his theatre for the present.

## MATTERS OF FACT.

Ernest Shipman is said to be making arrangements for a production of An Act Like It for a spring tour. Hamilton, O., has a new theatre, The Edison, which will open early in March. The house will be modern throughout, with spacious stage and a seating capacity of 1,500. A high-class one is wanted for the season by Manager Tom A. Smith, who is also looking for 1903-04.

Joseph F. Vign, vaudeville agent, with offices in the New York Theatre Building, Broadway and Thirty-seventh Street, is looking for excellent acts.

The Winnetka, who own and represent a great many plays are offering them for stock and recording. They are also booking the tours of several road attractions, including New York Day by Day, and The Wonders. Their offices are in the Rockefeller Theatre Building.

Blanche Holt, who has met with success in the character part in A Banned Life, continues with that company.

Lillian Kemble is doing excellent work as leading lady of the Lyceum Stock at Syracuse, N. Y. Saved from the sea, a nautical melodrama, opens its season about Feb. 18. The production will be sent out on a big scale, carrying a cast of comedians, a full and complete line of new scenery from the Mirror Print, and everything that is necessary to secure success. Laura Hulbert will be seen as Nancy Billington, the heroine.

A refined vaudeville playlet for three people, with the best part for a comedy actress, based on an entirely new and original idea, is offered for sale by Julius Marnum.

Drew A. Morton, stage-director, who just closed his engagement with the Columbia Theatre Stock, Brooklyn, is at liberty for the first time in sixteen years. The Robinson Opera House, Cincinnati, O., recently a home of the Spooner Stock company, is offered for rent by John D. Davis, 414 Plum Street, Cincinnati, O.

## MARRIAGE.

CORNELL-CHASE.—At Chillicothe, Mo., on Jan. 24, Harold C. Cornell and Hattie Bernad Chase.

DAVID-BALLOUGH.—At St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany, N. Y., by the Rev. Walter W. Battehall, Lillian W. Ballough and H. Ernest Ballough.

FARNHAM-EMMONS.—At Toledo, O., Jan. 22, C. H. Farnham and Lottie Emmons.

HARRISON-VAN FOSSEN.—At Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 24, Henry C. Harrison and Edna Van Fossen.

HODGES-HALLER.—In Chicago, Jan. 22, Frank Hodges and Madge Haller.

LAWRENCE-HAZELTON.—At Portland, Ore., William Lawrence and Bernadine Hazelton.

LUTZ-LE ROY.—By the Rev. Dr. Hinkel on Jan. 11, Sidney A. Lutz and Daisy Le Roy.

MAXFIELD-ASHLAND.—At the Little Church Around the Corner, E. J. Maxfield and Belle Ashland.

McMEANS-HUEHNERGARD.—Felix McMeans and Lucretia Huehnergard, at Monroe, Wis., on Jan. 15.

NALSON-GOODWIN.—At Holy, N. Y., on Jan. 18, by Justice Smith, Charles W. Nelson and Susan Goodwin.

RICHARDS-JOSEPH.—At Yonkers City, Minn., Jan. 7, Robert B. Richards and Louise Joseph.

SHUMS-FITZGERALD.—At Toronto, Ontario, Oct. 18, 1902, Frank G. Shums and Vera Fitzgerald.

## DIED.

ASHTON.—Herbert Ashton, in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Jan. 24, of appendicitis.

BULGER.—At St. Joseph's Hospital, Philadelphia, on Jan. 28, Mrs. Harry Bulger.

CHIFFENDALE.—Frederick Chiffendale, at the Edwin Forrest Home, Philadelphia, on Jan. 23, aged 82 years.

EGERT.—Paul Egert, in San Francisco, on Jan. 25.

FALLA.—In Boston, Jan. 7, Frank Feno Falla.

HAMILTON.—At Champaign, Ill., on Jan. 21, Julius Hamilton.

McGANN.—William McGann (Mason), on Jan. 23, at the Sisters' Hospital, Buffalo, N. Y.

MITCHELL.—Charles F. Mitchell, in Philadelphia, on Jan. 8, of a complication of diseases, aged 41 years.

PARKIN.—Herman Parkin, at Providence, R. I., on Jan. 11, of consumption, aged 29 years.

POWELL.—At Washington, Jan. 19, William T. Powell, manager of State's Academy of Music.

REYNOLDS.—In New York, on Jan. 24, Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds.

ROE.—Joseph L. Roe, at Kingston, N. Y., on Jan. 23, of pneumonia, aged 55 years.

SLAMAN.—William Sloman, in Cincinnati, O., on Dec. 27.

WARNERSON.—In Chicago, on Jan. 23, Alma, the daughter of J. Warnerson.









An article entitled "Confessions of a Playwright" in *Albion's Magazine* for February has attracted considerable interest and a lively curiosity as to the identity of its author, whose name is not given.

The playwright confesses that he is a member of the great army of the untaught, and he describes in detail his intellectual efforts to place his works. The story is a familiar one, but it is more interesting in this case than usual, from the fact the circumstances of the quest are given in detail.

The playwright asserts that from all his wandering in search of a play-buyer he has learned nothing. Managers, actors and agents have helped him not at all. He is particularly severe upon the qualifications of actors to judge the merits of plays, considering their point of view narrow, ignorant and prejudiced and even less valuable than that of managers, who are moved by purely commercial considerations.

He shows a commendable spirit of perseverance, however, for in spite of his long and fruitless efforts to place his plays he announces the intention to continue undismayed to the end of the chapter. Naturally, the superiority of the playwright's talents to the judgment of those who have read his manuscripts cannot be determined until his plays are actually produced. It may be found then that his complaints are not justified.

Special care seems to have been taken to conceal the identity of the author of these "Confessions of a Playwright," although he has not hesitated to disclose the identity of the various persons to whom he submitted his works. In justice to these persons and in the interests of fair play, it may not be out of place to reveal the identity of the writer of the article in question. He is John D. Barry, who is quite well known as the dramatic critic of *Dillon's Weekly*.

It has been announced that Frederick Kerr is to appear in Haddon Chambers' new play, *A Comedy of Manners*. Mr. Kerr contradicts this report in a letter in which he says: "I shall not be able to leave Mrs. Campbell's company, I fear, to play in Haddon Chambers' play, which I am sorry for, as he is an old friend and my association with him in 'The Tyranny of Tears' (in which I was the original Gunning) was very pleasant." Mr. Kerr will finish his engagement with Mrs. Campbell on Feb. 21, and his movements after that are uncertain. He may return to London, but he would prefer to finish the season in New York if anything in his way comes along.

In six one-night stands in New England last week Mr. Hackett played to close on \$11,000. He gave two performances in Bridgeport on Monday at the Colonial Theatre, and Mr. Smith, the manager of that new and successful playhouse, writes that the receipts were close to \$3,000. Mr. Hackett started toward the West yesterday. He fulfills an engagement in Chicago shortly.

The Theatrical Trust has not added to its popularity by the wholesale accusations of bribery and corruption it has lodged against various dramatic critics of the daily press.

This is a device to seek to discredit writers that are beyond the Trust's sphere of influence. It is a poor device and it acts usually as a boomerang.

It is notorious that the Trust has sought to control the press so far as it can. Having a large amount of advertising patronage to bestow, both directly and indirectly, it has used it in various directions with more or less generally less effect.

Only newspapers whose editorial and news departments are under the dominion of the counting-room have shown a disposition to yield to the Trust's demands, and such newspapers have little influence and are restricted in number.

Outside of this class of publications, the Trust has been unsuccessful in its efforts. Naturally, it decries writers that are honest and outspoken and beyond the reach of its tentacles.

Indeed, the real state of affairs is so well understood that the Trust's absurd reflections upon several of our best esteemed dramatic critics have caused only derision.

It is stated that the booking agents of the Trust are offering a list of twenty or more attractions to what are called the dollar theatres. This is in violation of the agreement or understanding that has existed hitherto be-

tween the Trust and the Stair and Harlan circuit, which has had virtually a monopoly of the popular-price business throughout the country. Evidently, there will be a bitter war in consequence, as Messrs. Stair and Harlan are not likely to permit this invasion to proceed without reprisals.

#### AMERICAN ACADEMY MATINEE.

The sixth of the present series of matinee performances by the senior students of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts was given at the Empire Theatre last Friday afternoon in the presence of the customary large audience. The programme consisted of three short plays never before acted in New York. Thus the students again performed what has come to be their valuable mission of dramatic introduction.

The first number on the bill, *The Mother*, by William Dean Howells, may scarcely be called a play. It is merely a dialogue, with no dramatic action whatever, and it appeared to far better advantage in its original form as a magazine article than it did when forced into service on the stage. A mother lying in bed with her newborn child discusses with a young father the mystery of the dawn of a new life. The philosophy, the poetry and the sentiment of the conversation are charming, but to be thoroughly appreciated *The Mother* must be read, not heard across the footlights. Indeed, there seemed an insincerity about this very delicate and beautiful thing when presented theatrically. The auditor felt himself an intruder, while the reader feels himself a beloved friend. In Mr. Howells' book, "The Story of a Play," he showed so keen an insight into the requirements of the stage that one wonders how he made the blunder of exhibiting this perfect little miniature in the inhospitable gallery of the theatre, where larger canvases and bolder colors are required. The lines of the father were delivered carefully, though in rather stilted fashion, by Frank Dehann and Ellen Scott as the mother was tender and gentleness in her every word and expression.

The second play, *A Gamslet*, by Björnsterne Björnson, was a far stronger dramatic dish than the little curtain-raiser. It was, indeed, rather highly commended. The English translator set the matter forth in good, plain words, and, incidentally, the play was cut down to two acts for presentation by the students. The cast was as follows:

Mr. Reis	Nereidith G. Brown
Mr. Christensen	Merrell G. Collins
Mr. H. H. H.	Frank J. Jones
Mr. H. H. H.	Philip Sheffield
Mr. H. H. H.	Leonard B. C. Joseph
Mr. H. H. H.	Isabelle Walker
Mr. H. H. H.	Edna Payne
Mr. H. H. H.	Doris Kense
Mr. H. H. H.	Mary Nash
Mr. H. H. H.	Pauline Foster
Mr. H. H. H.	Ben Sildner
Mr. H. H. H.	Allen Goodwin

In *A Gamslet* Mr. Björnson undertakes again a discussion of the old question of whether or not a man should be as pure as a maid, or, rather, whether or not he should be expected to be so pure. His argument is that he most certainly should be, but that it is not always possible to expect him to be. The entire action of the piece takes place in the drawing-room of the house of Mr. Reis, a wealthy idler, in Norway. Mr. Reis possesses a beautiful, frivolous nature, a wife of uncertain mind, and a daughter, Svava, who "takes after" her mother and who is the cause of all the trouble. Svava is an exceptionally intelligent and cultured young woman, of lofty ideals, and yet of a very practical mind. She is deeply interested in an orphanage, which she helped to establish, and in her work there she meets and leaps into love with young Alf Christensen, a man who, despite the fact that he is the son of a notoriously wealthy family, is anxious to do his share in bringing about a better condition among the poor. The young man and the young woman are eminently well suited to each other, and when their engagement is announced there is great rejoicing among their relatives and their friends. Mr. Reis is particularly pleased, since the alliance will make secure his financial standing, which, it is hinted, is just a trifle shaky. This happy condition of affairs is suddenly and completely destroyed by the coming of one Hog, a broken-down commercial traveler, who acquaints Svava with the fact that Alf's life has not been as pure as she believes it. Indeed, he tells her that his own wife, now dead, was the mistress of the prospective bridegroom. Svava is horrified, and she dismisses Alf without allowing him a word of explanation.

In the second act the father of Svava pleads with her to put aside her foolish notions, protesting that Alf's sin was committed long before he ever saw her. Svava, however, is not to be moved. Then comes an encounter between the two fathers. Mr. Christensen, Sr., states emphatically that if Svava breaks the engagement it will bring scandal upon his son, and that if the tongue of scandal once begins to wag regarding his family it will not stop until some of his own misdeeds have been well discussed. Mr. Reis assumes an air of virtue and asserts that Mr. Christensen's sins are no affairs of his. Whereupon Mr. Christensen retorts that Mr. Reis has a few skeletons of a similar sort in his own closet that will surely be introduced to the public if Svava is not prevailed upon to keep to her engagement. Thus it appears that two very prominent and respectable families will be dragged through the mire unless Svava relents. "It is better to lie a little than to suffer much," says the Princess Ye San. But Svava has no such comfortable morality. "Is matrimony merely to be a laundry in which men's soiled reputations may be cleansed?" she inquires. And to give a negative answer to her query she strikes Alf in the face with her glove, and leaves her relatives to straighten out their scandals as best they can.

The principal roles in *A Gamslet* were all very acceptably acted, although they were somewhat heavy and complex for players of limited experience. Meredith G. Brown caught the spirit of Mr. Reis admirably and gave a very clear impression of a difficult character to impersonate. Henry Collins was an excellent Christensen, Sr., presenting a better character study than he had before shown. Franklin Jones possessed many qualities necessary in a leading man, and his portrayal of Alf was clean cut, vigorous and gentlemanly. Philip Sheffield as Hog gave in many respects the best performance of the afternoon. His impersonation showed careful thought and deep feeling and he revealed the heart of the man in very artistic fashion indeed. The Svava of Isabelle Nordyke was admirable, though lacking at times in definiteness. Isabelle Walker as Mrs. Reis was authoritative and natural. The other roles were in capable hands.

The performance ended with the first presentation in English of Calderon's *Beware of Smooth Water*. The translation from the Spanish was made by Edward Fitzgerald. The cast was as follows:

Don Alonso	Leonard B. C. Joseph
Don Ferris	J. Griffith Wray
Don Felix	Robert Lee Hill
Don Juan	H. Van Buren
Don Pedro	Philip Sheffield
Hernando	Maurice Stewart
Otano	Ernest Crawford
Donna Clara	Grace F. Stevens
Donna Eugenia	Isabel Ouelow
Mari Nuno	Anna Walsh
Brigida	Arlita Sylvia

*Beware of Smooth Water* is a genial, unpolished but not immoral, brightly colored drama of intrigue such as the Spanish playwrights have always excelled in. No discussions of troublesome questions of right and wrong occur in this play. The rare old author took thought only of such maxims as "All's fair in love and war," and "None but the brave deserve the fair." The scenes are laid in sunny Madrid, in 16th and 17th centuries, the bold gallants, the beautiful ladies and the comical varieties of the place and period. Don Alonso has two magnificent daughters, and each daughter has several suitors. But Don Alonso

has set his heart upon marrying off one of the daughters to his nephew, Don Ferris, a man of great wealth and position, and about as unimpressive a character as can be imagined. The gay suitors, of course, make a constant enemy of Don Ferris, and after much quarreling, many secret messages and sundry encounters, the latter once captures the fair one and all is well. The students entered admirably into the spirit of the drama and without exception the roles were well played. Particularly good work was done by Leonard B. C. Joseph as Don Alonso, J. Griffith Wray as Don Ferris, Robert Lee Hill as Don Felix, Grace F. Stevens as Donna Clara, and Isabel Ouelow as Donna Eugenia. The costumes were very handsome and the settings were attractive.

#### DEBUT OF PEGGY FROM PARIS.

George Ade's latest offering to the shrine of musical comedy, *Peggy from Paris*, had its premiere at South Bend, Ind., on Saturday. Large audience attended both performances and the piece went through with wonderful smoothness, despite the fact that a small stage somewhat cramped the chorus. The book of the play is clean, reasonable and interesting, while a little of Mr. Ade's famous slang serves to give it an acceptable tang. The music, by William Lozano, who has achieved some note for several individual pieces of music, but who makes his debut as a musical comedy composer in *Peggy from Paris*, is tuneful and light and was very well received.

The story of the play deals with an Illinois girl who poses in an operatic production as a French singer, but who, at the close of the play, becomes tired of the deception and declares her nationality. There is much of simplicity in the piece, while the humor is bright and clean. Helen Bertram plays the title-role, while Josie Sadler, in her Dutch specialty, provides excellent comedy. Fred Lennox, William Dodge, George Stearns, and Arthur Deagan are also well fitted for their parts. The cast of the piece is as follows:

Captain Alphonse Plummer	William T. Dodge
Giovanni Grapple	Frank Jones
Montague Fish	George Stearns
Alexander Reeves	John Parks
Richard Elcher	Arthur Deagan
M. Hummel	Joseph Friedman
M. Pollen Durner	Don Baker
M. Don Ben	E. H. O'Connor
Henry Plummer	Helen Bertram
Little Plummer	Gordana Fisher
Mrs. Montague Fish	Allice James
Myrtle	Josie Sadler
Mr. Ann Lynch	Helen Hale

The play had its Chicago opening at the Studio Theatre last night and will continue there indefinitely.

#### THE GREEN-ROOM CLUB WILL TALK SHOP.

The first of a series of monthly shop talks to be given by the Green-room Club in the grill room of their handsome club house on Forty-seventh Street will occur on Saturday evening, Feb. 7.

A reception and concert will occupy the early hours of the evening. At 11:30 Prompter William H. Crane will ring up on shop talk. A star of equal prominence and a popular leading man will be the Call-Boy and Props respectively. Props and the Call-Boy will talk shop to the overflow meetings in the music and green rooms. Crane says he hasn't been a promoter since he sang comic songs with the Holmans. He says he is coming up all right, but what's troubling him now is, who is going to ring down?

Milton Hobbs, Vice-President of the club and author of the popular series of Shop Talks that have appeared in *The Mirror* during the past ten years, cannot be present at the first of the series, which he has been chiefly instrumental in inaugurating, but the promoter will read his apology. Mr. Hobbs will be present at the March meeting. An interesting feature of the shop talks will be a table d'hôte dinner. There will be a ladies' day during April, when Mrs. G. W. Jones will be the guest of honor.

#### TORNBERG IN THE GAME OF SPECULATION.

S. Tornberg, the Jewish actor, who for several years has been a prominent member of the stock companies at the Thalia Theatre and the People's Theatre, appeared at the latter playhouse last Thursday evening in the principal role of *The Game of Speculation*, which he had adapted for the Yiddish stage from the French of Balzac. The play contains a number of powerful scenes, and Mr. Tornberg, both as author and actor, handled them admirably. The audience was as large as the theatre could well accommodate and the star and the supporting company won plentiful and enthusiastic applause.

#### MUSIC NOTES.

William G. Stewart, now singing the title-role in Fred C. Whitman's production of *When Johnny Comes Marching Home*, is putting the finishing touches to an opera he has been writing for two years. The opera is in two acts and four scenes, all laid in the Transvaal. Some of the characters are Kruger, DeWitt, Steyn, Lord Roberts, Colonel Kitchener and French. The opening scene is in Ladysmith during the siege.

H. Whitney Tew, the English baritone, recently brought suit in the Court of Appeals against Henry Wolfsohn and his wife, Paula, alleging breach of contract. Mr. Tew charges Mr. Wolfsohn with the management, with failure to pay all that was due him and with causing several engagements. This is the third court in which the case has been tried, and both previous times it has been decided in favor of the singer, who asks \$5,000 damages.

Clara Wallentin, a former Connecticut mill girl and protégée of a New York society woman, is now abroad, where she is said to be meeting with wonderful success as a singer. Critics have pronounced her voice the finest in Stockholm, and she has just signed a contract for three years to appear with grand opera.

A choral society has been organized in Columbus, Ga., with several of the important musicians of the city as officers. The society plans to give concerts and to present operas.

The Wagner trilogy ended with the fall of the curtain at the Metropolitan Opera House Friday night. The tenth week of grand opera began auspiciously last night.

Ada Crossley, a young Australian contralto, made her American debut at the Regency Theatre, Monday, Jan. 29, winning favor by her exquisite style and fine voice quality. M. Gilbert, Madame Gilbert, and Marie McFarland also sang.

The third Danvers lecture recital was given at Daly's Theatre Jan. 19. David Blapham assisted. At the Thursday lecture Sara Anderson was the soloist.

The second concert of the Munges Quartette in Mendelssohn Hall Tuesday evening was inspiring musically. The feature of the programme was a new composition by Louis V. Nagel.

Susan Metcalf was heard in song recital Tuesday afternoon in Mendelssohn Hall. Her numbers were rendered with marked intelligence and good taste.

The Apollo Club gave its first concert of the season in the grand ball-room of the Waldorf-Astoria Tuesday evening. The artists were Anna E. Otten, violinist; Cecelia Niles, soprano; Frank Miller, pianist.

Mendelssohn Hall was the scene of an ensemble piano recital Wednesday afternoon by Ottye and Juliette Sondheim, sisters, whose home is in St. Louis. Their playing was meritorious.

Two viola recitals were given in Mendelssohn Hall Thursday. One in the afternoon by Maud McCarthy, the Irish girl violinist, aided by Arthur Whitney at the piano. The evening one was the initial appearance of Dama Kovacs, the Hungarian.

The three hundred convalescents at Bellevue Hospital were treated to their first concert and entertainment Friday evening, under the management of Henrietta Markson, pianist.

#### PERSONAL



GREENE.—Above is the portrait of Walter D. Greene as Oroyden, Prince of Carinthia, the leading role of *The Consul*, now playing at the Princess Theatre. Mr. Greene has scored a signal success in the part.

POTTER.—Mrs. James Brown Potter has, it is said, disposed of her two London houses and has purchased further property at Moll enhead, where is located her river residence, Bray Lodge, one of the prettiest houses on the Thames reach.

TILLEY.—The play which Brandon Thomas and Ralph Caine, the son of the noted author, are writing for Vesta Tilley will be called *The Isle of Boy* and will be produced probably next season. In this piece Miss Tilley will be seen in skirts, donning the masculine attire of her former appearances.

HASWELL.—Percy Haswell made her first appearance as a stock star at Chase's Baltimore Theatre last week, appearing as Viola in *Twelfth Night*. She met with an enthusiastic reception.

THOMAS.—Augustus Thomas' drama *Arizona* has met with such success in the English provinces that Claude King and Violet Lindington have had no difficulty in booking the piece for an extended tour in the Spring.

PARKER.—Gilbert Parker, author of *The Right of Way*, passed through New York last week on his way to Canada.

HOWARD.—Mabel Howard, who has been supporting William Gillette in *Sherlock Holmes*, lies seriously ill at the apartments of her parents in Cincinnati. She was taken sick while playing in New York, but, in spite of her physical condition, continued to play until absolutely unable to appear. It is doubtful if she will recover sufficiently to act again this season.

WILLARD.—During his Philadelphia engagement, which will begin on Feb. 2, E. S. Willard will present an English version by Louis N. Parker of *The Chateleine*, Alfred Capus' new play, now running in Paris.

GUNNING.—It is said that Louise Gunning, prima donna of the Mr. Pickwick company, has received a tempting offer to appear in London in one of George Edwards' Gaiety Theatre musical comedies.

TEMPEST.—Marie Tempest, it is said, will appear at the New Hudson Theatre at the beginning of next season in a piece entitled *The Marriage of Kitty*.

GEORGE.—Miss Marie George, who is now playing in London at the Drury Lane Theatre, has signed to appear at the Palace Theatre for a limited period at the end of her present engagement.

NEVADA.—It is said that Madame Nevada, who is now in Paris, will soon go to Holland to fulfill an engagement in grand opera and that she will later visit Germany, England and the south of France.

SMYTHE.—E. M. Smythe is coming from London to attend the rehearsals of her opera, *Der Wald (The Forest)*, which will be produced at the Metropolitan Opera House in February.

RITCHIE.—Adele Ritchie has resigned from the cast of *The Chinese Honeycomb* and last Saturday sailed for London to look at the new musical comedy, *The West End*, which the Shuberts have bought. Miss Ritchie will be starred by the Shuberts next season and it is possible that she may make an extensive tour abroad in search of a play. Eleanor Falk has assumed Miss Ritchie's role.

GANTHONY.—Richard Ganthony, accompanied by Mrs. Ganthony, sailed last week for London, where he expects to arrange for the production of his new piece, *The Prophecy*. Mr. Ganthony has already placed *The Barrowers' Bounty* for a London appearance if a theatre shall be available. If not, it will be seen in New York.

BARRETT.—It has been reported that Wilton Barrett in London recently sold one of his photographs to a lady for \$500, which he immediately handed over to the Actors' Orphanage Fund.

MATHEWS.—Frances Aymar Mathews, who has been lying ill with typhoid at her home in Brooklyn, is now convalescent and soon, it is believed, will be able to resume her writing.















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